[Dewan.]

which might present our case and support it in the Councels of the Government of India. For this, among other reasons, Travancore secured representation on the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. At the very first meeting of the advisory Board of this Council at which we were represented, the Report of the Special Cocoanut Officer came up for discussion. Our claims for protection were strongly urged and in consequence the report was referred for fuller consideration to a Sub-Committee of the Board. Memoranda setting forth our claims for protection and meeting objections raised by competing interests were submitted to this Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee has just concluded its labours and the Government feel that our position has been fully appreciated by the members of this Committee. With renewed confidence this Government hope to pursue this matter to the utmost extent of our efforts.

The joint sitting terminated at 12-25 P. M.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 1 P. M. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL BILL AND THE TRAVANCORE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

MESSAGES FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

The Secretary then read the following Messages from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council :—

(1) "At the meeting of the Sri Chitra State Council held on the 28th January 1935, the Council refused to concur in the motion of the Sri Mulam Assembly that the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill should be Committed to a Joint Committee of the Council and the Assembly".

(2) "The motion of the Sri Mulam Assembly desiring concurrence of the Council to commit the Travancore District Municipalities Bill to a Joint Committee of the Council and the Assembly was withdrawn by the member, who gave notice of it, at the meeting of the Council held on the 28th January 1935."

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : With your permission, Sir, I beg to make a statement with regard to the future course of these Bills. The House is certainly aware that it was this House that moved that the Bills be committed to a Joint Committee of members of both the Houses. But the Council has refused to accept the motion. However, as the point has been referred to the House, on a technical ground, I move that the motion for a Select Committee may be made at a subsequent session.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member whether the Council was against the suggestion of this House on the ground that in respect of this Bill there are no special reason why such a course should be adopted or whether they refused to elect members to *any* Joint Select Committee. In other words, did they object to the working of the Rule as to election for Joint Select Committees or to the constitution of a Select Committee on this Bill on special grounds?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The motion was moved by an official member that the Council do concur to the Assembly's motion to consider the City Municipalities Bill. It was opposed. Various arguments were put forward, and the motion was thrown out. That is all that we are concerned with here. We are not concerned with their reasons for throwing out the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am quite sure that the House will agree that we can consider only the statement of the Law Member and not the reasons that weighed with the other House. We are concerned only with the communication from the Sri Chitra Council.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): A word of personal explanation. I put that question in order that we may know the reasons so that we may shape our future conduct accordingly. If their objection is with regard to the working of the Rule, then that shows that the Rule needs amendment.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I shall not take the responsibility of interpreting the reasons for the opposition by the Council. Mr. Thanu Pillai can read the official reports of the Council and form his own impression. This House is concerned only with the decision of the other House. They have refused to concur with our motion, and we have to shape our procedure accordingly.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is there not a motion that the matter must be considered by a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses? Does it not still stand?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The House now meets only for certain purposes which were notified last day when we met. It was not understood that this House is to transact any business other than what was mentioned. The City Municipal Bill and the District Municipalities Bill were not proposed to be taken up at this meeting. I think we shall not be in order, nor will it be expedient if we take them up for consideration now.

The House adjourned *sine die* at 1-7 P. M.

K. MADHAVA KURUP,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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